



## **Dumont Shade Tree Commission**

The Dumont Shade Tree Commission has complied with the open public meetings act, having sent notice to The Record, Ridgewood News and filed the Municipal Clerk and posted on the Boro's Official Bulletin Board.

### **Meeting Minutes – Draft**

**Date:** November 21, 2011

**Time:** Meeting Started at 7:35 PM and ended at 8:50 PM

**Attendees:** Tara Barker, Bill Brophy, Tom Fisichella, Rafael Riquelme, Abbie Slaman, Sally Tayeb, Larry Tobias

Welcome to Bill Brophy, new councilman for Dumont and liaison to the Shade Tree Commission for Mayor.

### **Meeting Summary: Discussion/Topics**

Arbor Day is scheduled for April 28th

#### **Tree Maintenance:**

- Tom Fisichella will be getting a count of the number of "down trees" in Dumont from the October Snow Storm.
- Tom Fisichella drafted a DSTC Emergency Plan, see below for outline of plan.
- Note: Atleast 4 trees came down at Memorial Park, future plantings should be considered in this location.

#### **i-Tree**

- Larry Tobias showed example of i-Tree canopy cover report.
- Commission had discussion of report features, formulas, etc.
- Additional information will be given to Sally Tayeb concerning statistics features.

#### **Adopt- a-Tree**

- Status to be given at next meeting

#### **Dumont Friends of the Shade Tree (DFOST)**

- Tom Fisichella presented a draft of a newsletter for the Friends. Further discussion will be needed regarding production, content, etc.
- Motion by Sally Tayeb to sponsor the not-for-profit document for the DFOST, possible cost would be \$400. Rafael Riquelme seconded the motion.

### **Draft: DSTC Emergency Plan November 2011**

In the event of damaging storm or natural disaster affecting the tree population of Dumont the following steps should be considered:

1. Quantify the number and type of trees damaged

2. Report any unsafe tree or branches to one central location for action
3. Seek recovery funds from FEMA or other grants
4. Identify locations for replacement trees
5. Identify locations where tree replacement should be avoided
6. Identify most damaged type of trees for particular type of event as compared to other events
7. Centralize location for wood chips and fire wood for resident use
8. Co-ordinate efforts with DPW to facilitate passage and safety for community
9. Set up information system for residents in need of assistance due to tree obstructions
10. Survey Roads for passage
  - o County roads
  - o Major Roads
  - o Through Streets
  - o One way streets
11. Close of parks and public areas until deemed safe
  - o List parks
  - o List public areas